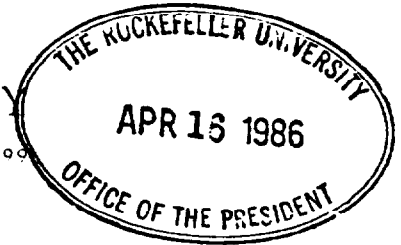




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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
President
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

The undersigned, comprising the Search Committee for the Hospital, recommend the appointment of Dr. Ronald G. Crystal to establish a new laboratory group at The Rockefeller University Hospital.

Dr. Crystal is presently Chief of the Pulmonary Branch, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, and holds a concurrent adjunct appointment as Professor of Genetics at George Washington University School of Medicine. During the period 1960-1968 he was actively involved in physics research at Tufts (1960-1963) and at the University of Pennsylvania (1963-1968). He received the M.D. degree from the latter institution in 1968 and after securing postgraduate clinical training at the Massachusetts General Hospital, joined the staff of the NIH in the Section of Molecular Hematology. He then moved, as Head, to the Section of Pulmonary Biochemistry in 1972, becoming Chief of the Pulmonary Branch in 1975.

Dr. Crystal and his colleagues conduct a major program of basic and clinical research in the general area of pulmonary diseases, focussing specifically on the pathogenesis of interstitial lung disease, proteolytic lung injury and hereditary deficiency disorders affecting the pulmonary system. The disorders he is investigating are prevalent and his scientific approach to their pathogenetic mechanisms ranges from the most basic to the clinical. He has achieved great distinction in his field, and indeed is considered by our consultants to be the leading figure in it at the present time. He attracts first rank young people to his laboratory where they have an opportunity to pursue, at great depth, clinical and scientific problems in a field of medicine which needs increasingly to move into the modern era of cellular and molecular biology to resolve the nature of the pathologic entities of which it is comprised. Dr. Crystal has recognized this need clearly and has developed what is now considered to be the leading research group in his field. The enclosed letters testify to his international stature as a scientist and clinical investigator.

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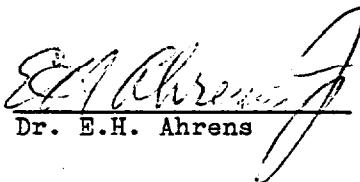
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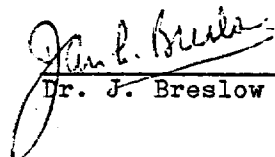
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Dr. Crystal is eminently qualified for appointment as Professor and Laboratory Head at The Rockefeller University. He is at the forefront of a branch of experimental medicine not presently represented on our campus and his clinical program is such that it would add substantially to the utilization of the inpatient facility of our Clinical Research Center. We recommend that discussions with Dr. Crystal be initiated promptly and that the most vigorous efforts be made to recruit him to head a new clinical research group at The Rockefeller University Hospital.

Yours sincerely,


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